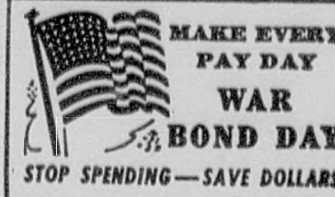


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How To Dig, Stack Peanuts

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this is done the plow will pull out to the right. This share will cut a strip wide enough to insure cutting all the roots loose but will not lift them out of the ground.

The lifting, however, can be accomplished by welding three or four short fingers on the back edge of the share. These fingers should not be over 10 inches long and should rise from the back edge of plow share at an angle of about 15 to 20 degrees of horizontal. The back end of these fingers should be turned down slightly to avoid choking.

The plow should operate four to six inches to the left of the center of the peanut row so that all bunches will pass plow shin to the right.

Digging Runners

For digging runner peanuts the two-horse plow as remodeled for Spanish peanuts is used by making a round to the row, being sure to run the end of the share so as to cut the roots of the plant.

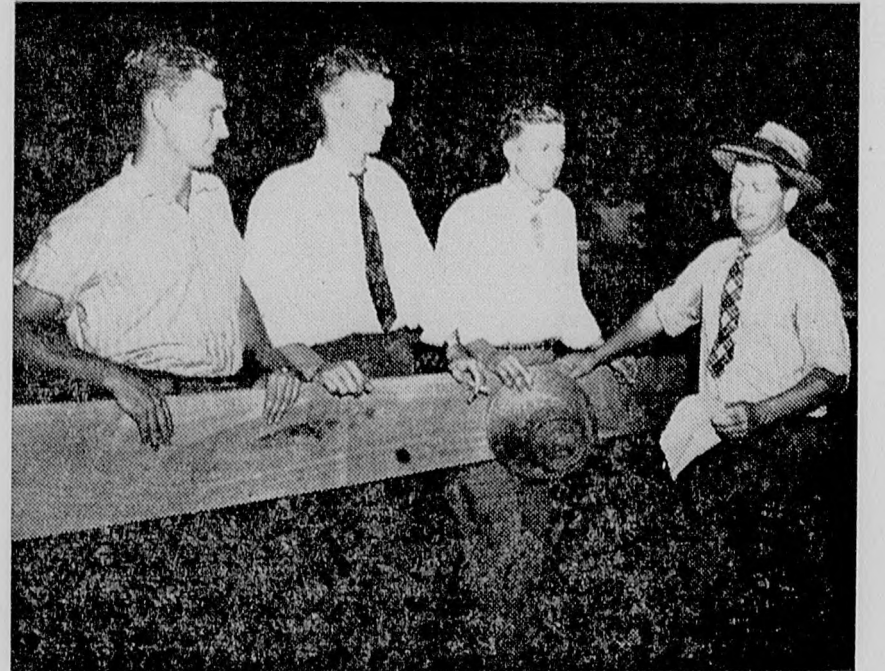
A better digging device, however, is a 24- or 36-inch steel strap attached to two standards of the two-mule cultivator. This bar may be made from a piece of old grader blade with holes punched for heel bolts. It is necessary to turn up the ends of the blade to give the correct section to the cutting edge. A section of a heavy truck spring may be shaped to do this job. On this type of digger the ends of the spring may be turned back and up so that it will fit the feet of the cultivator. Holes should be punched large enough to take the regular knock-on heel bolt.

Stacking Peanuts

As soon as the peanut vine is well wilted begin stacking. The stacking of peanuts is slightly different from stacking hay. The best method as indicated by field observation is as follows:

The stack pole should be about eight and one-half to nine feet long and three inches in diameter at the top. These poles should be cut, barked and dried. The top end should be slightly pointed. Two cross pieces about four feet long should be nailed on to the pole at right angles about three to three and one-half feet above lower end of pole, or 12 to 18 inches above the ground. This method seems to be preferred by growers who expect to move the stacks to the picker. The cross pieces that are nailed on seem to hold the stack together while it is being moved to the picker.

Where vines are to be loaded on wagons or where they will be picked with homemade pickers the cross arms need not be nailed to the stack poles. Three pieces of one- by four-inch, or bigger, and about five feet long can be placed around the stack pole so that they will interlock and hold



Aaron Fleming and sons, successful Madison County farmers, this year produced and saved 90,000 pounds of hairy vetch, 33,000 pounds of crimson clover and 7,000 pounds of white Dutch clover seed. Here are (left to right) Walton, Billy, Joe, and Mr. Fleming. Billy, the youngest son, is now in the army.

Properly Pick And Gin Cotton To Make \$5 To \$15 More Per Bale

IF you want to make five to fifteen dollars more per bale on your cotton then be sure it's properly picked and ginned.

When cotton is rough ginned or gin cut the producer loses from five to fifteen dollars per bale. In the 1941 gin season, five per cent of Alabama's 474,395 bales, or 38,720, was rough ginned.

According to J. B. Wilson, extension agricultural engineer, most ginners in the State are co-operating in the effort to reduce this loss by placing their gins in first class condition and planning to gin cotton with loose seed roll.

Farmers can eliminate a good deal of rough cotton if they do the following:

1. Allow the cotton bolls to open wide before picking.
2. If cotton is picked with morning dew or other moisture on it, spread cotton out on sheets in the fields and give it a chance to dry in the fields before loading

the vines or bunches about one foot off the ground.

Counts made indicate that there are about 25 peanut stacks to the acre and the job of getting these cut, barked and pointed will be a good job to get done before harvesting begins.

It is possible to stack Spanish peanuts with the nuts turned in toward the stack pole. The outside of the stack should be kept picked. This usually requires four to six weeks, depending on weather conditions.

Vines should be stacked well up over top of stack pole and should be capped with some kind of grass or weeds.

Peanuts should be thoroughly picked in the stack before they are cured. This usually requires four to six weeks, depending on weather conditions.

Garden Pointers For August

By W. A. RUFFIN
Extension Gardener

PLANTINGS for the fall garden made during August must grow in the hottest, driest part of the year. Therefore, it is important that everything possible be done to insure an adequate supply of moisture in the soil.

The best place to plant the fall garden is near a small stream but if this is not available upland must be used. In this case a good heavy loam soil (never plant on deep sand) is advisable. Broadcast 10 to 15 loads of stable fertilizer and flat break the ground 4 to 6 weeks before time to plant. Do not turn under a heavy crop of weeds. Put in commercial fertilizers at the rate of 4 to 6 pounds per 100 feet of row two weeks before planting, and when ready to plant freshen the row with a garden rake and sow small seed such as carrots, beets and turnips in trench a half-inch deep. Walk or roll wheelbarrow over seed and cover lightly.

The following vegetable tables should be planted during August: beans (stringless green pod, Kentucky wonder, Jackson wonder), beets (Detroit Red), broccoli (green sprouted—should be sowed in box), cabbage (Savoy and Copenhagen Market—should be sowed in box), carrots (Chant-enay), endive (green curled—may be sowed in box), English peas (Thomas Laxton), Irish potatoes (Bliss Triumph—plant in spring grown seed), rutabagas (American purple top), squash (Acorn, Early Prolific Straight Neck), and turnips (mixture of Seven-top, Shogain and tendergreen).

5. Do not pack wet cotton in baskets or pile it up, as it cannot dry under these conditions.

6. Have your cotton ginned where you can be certain of getting a good, smooth job.

7. Insist that the ginner gin cotton with a loose seed roll.

Clean-picked cotton will have a material effect on the quality of linters produced. These linters are badly needed in the production of smokeless powder. Any trash left in linters reduces its use for this purpose.

It's Scrap Harvest Time

REPORTS indicate that all Alabama farmers are co-operating in the National Scrap Harvest by gathering all scrap on their farms and selling it to the local junk dealer.

If any reader of this publication has not already done so, we suggest that this be done immediately.

It will help win the war; also bring you a little cash.

Seed Tested

FARMERS wishing to have seed tested are advised by Dr. O. L. Justice, seed analyst of the State Department of Agriculture, that the seed laboratory in Montgomery will take seed samples only up to August 15. In sending samples farmers should state the variety of seed and the approximate quantity represented by the sample.

This old-time winter turnip has been grown for over 50 years by Alabama Extension Director P. O. Davis' family in Limestone County. Recent work by the Alabama Experiment Station has improved the strain. Since this turnip develops largely underground and is well protected, it resists cold weather exceedingly well. It is planted in the fall.

Legislature Will Be Called After Election In Nov.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 6.—By agreement between Gov.-Nominate Chancery Sparks and Gov. Frank M. Dixon, the new Legislature will be called into special session between the November 3 general election and Christmas to appropriate an estimated two million dollars of surplus funds to assure an eight-month school term in Alabama.

This was announced here Wednesday afternoon by Gov. Dixon, following a conference with Judge Sparks, who earlier in the day had conferred with school leaders on providing additional funds for public education.

No specific date was fixed for the extraordinary session with Judge Sparks and the present Governor to decide later when the legislators will be convened. Intimations were that the special session would come the latter part of November or during the first two weeks in December.

A statement issued by Governor Dixon said the call would be limited only to legislation necessary to increase the school term from seven to eight months. It was estimated an additional \$2,000,000 would make this possible.

It was noteworthy that Judge Sparks and school leaders agreed to abandon proposals for furnishing free textbooks through the sixth grade (free textbooks now are furnished through the third grade) and to double the present \$400,000 yearly appropriation to the teacher retirement fund.

The 12 per cent pay raise for teachers already had been assured with the automatic appropriation of the \$2,500,000 general fund surplus. The State Board of Education approved this pay boost several weeks ago, since no legislative act was necessary to increase salaries.

PICNIC SEASON STARTS FOR WOMEN'S H. D. CLUBS

August, the month for relaxation and social meetings among the women's home demonstration clubs in Coffee County, has been designated as community picnic time. The county-wide rally and farm folk picnic was held this year on account of war conditions.

Bluff Springs opened the series with 17 members present, a total attendance of 59 and 21 fried chickens consumed. Zion Chapel and Mt. Gilad communities held picnics August 7, and the 30 other clubs will continue the series. There will be no regular club meetings in August.

PVT. KELLEY GRADUATES FROM CHAUNTE FIELD

CHAUNTE FIELD, Ill.—Private Cecil T. Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kelley, Jack, Ala., was graduated recently from the Chaunte Field school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

While at Chaunte Field he was trained in various technical operations vital to the maintenance of the county's fighting planes.

FARRIS-JONES WEDDING ANNOUNCED

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MISS MILDRED SCONEYERS PROMOTED TO HOME AGT.

Three assistant home agents, two assistant farm agents and several other extension service workers have received promotions and gone to larger fields from Coffee County during the past several years.

The latest of these to be graduated from Coffee County's "finishing school" was Miss Mildred Sconeys, assistant agent during the past year, who reported to Union Springs as home agent for Bullock County Monday morning.

Others have been: Miss Fannie Kelley, assistant agent, who left Enterprise and Coffee County last Summer to serve as home agent in Pike County; Miss Bernice Cella Slaughter left Coffee and several years ago to serve as home agent in Bullock.

H. C. Arant left Coffee within the present year for Coosa County, changing rank from assistant farm agent to agent. J. E. Washington rose from assistant farm agent to district work with the FSA at Auburn.

Hugh D. Sexton is farm agent and Miss Mamie B. Matthews is home agent in Coffee.

HENRY C. SCARBROUGH DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Henry C. Scarbrough, of the past four years a resident of Basin community, died at his home Monday night at eleven-thirty o'clock, following an illness extending over a period of five years.

Although born in Pike County, Mr. Scarbrough had been a resident of Coffee County for many years and was widely known here. He was married to Mrs. J. A. Scarbrough, who died in 1938.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nancy Jane Scarbrough; two sons, Johnny James and William Henry Scarbrough, both of whom are in the service; two daughters, Mrs. Lida Williams and Mrs. Mattie Hester; he also leaves one brother, two sisters and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Curtis Baptist Church Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock, with Rev. J. A. Jones, of Elba, officiating. Burial was in the Curtis cemetery. Bonneau-Jeter had charge of funeral arrangements.

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First Bale Sold For 30c Pound Here Last Friday

The first bale of cotton ginned in Elba from the 1942 crop was sold here last Friday for 30 cents a pound for Mr. Lee.

The first bale ginned in Elba last year was brought in by Smith Brothers on the same date, August 8th.

JOSEPH CROOK AWARDED LIEUTENANT COMMISSION

FORT SILL, Okla., Aug. 8.—Joseph Crook was graduated this week from the Officers Candidate School here and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

Lieutenant Crook, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Crook, Elba, Ala., reported to Fort Sill from Camp Bowie, Texas, and will now be stationed at Camp Hood, Texas. Before starting active duty he was employed by the State of Alabama.

COUNTRY AGENT'S COLUMN

By HUGH D. SEXTON
County Agent

COTTON HARVESTING IS VERY IMPORTANT JOB

Since cotton harvesting is getting underway in all parts of the county, it is worthwhile that all farmers give serious consideration to the manner in which the job should be done to get the most value out of their cotton crops.

First, the condition of the soil should be preserved. The quality of the crop by following the best harvesting and ginning methods.

On July 31 the Montgomery Market quoted strict low middling 15-16 high cotton at 110 points of middling. This is a loss of \$5.50 a bale as compared with middling. Low grades are usually caused by careless harvesting and handling.

In harvesting and handling cotton, much value can be added to the crop if producers will exercise all care in these important operations and remember:

- (1) Excess moisture and foreign matter in the seed reduce the value of lint.
- (2) Ginning cotton in a green, damp or wet condition causes poor preparation and lowers the quality as much as one or two grades.
- (3) When weeds are heavy, the seed cotton will be too damp for ginning. Spread out to dry on tarpaulin or sacks as long as it takes to remove excess moisture.
- (4) Careless picking turns out much lower grades than clean picking, even when elaborate cleaning machinery is used in ginning.

Ginners have made an excellent record for the last two years. No ginmer can properly gin green, wet and dirty seed cotton. Farmers who follow the above suggestions and get their seed cotton in the gin dry and clean are within their rights by insisting that the ginmer does a good job of ginning it.

It will be economic and patriotic this year to trade cottonseed for cottonseed meal where a fair exchange can be made. The Government is seriously in need of cotton lint and cottonseed oil. This practice will help win the war.

Ralph and Edwin Johnson, who have been visiting in the W. M. Brunson home, left Monday for their home in Charlotte, N. C.

Friends of Miss Frances Conner are glad to know that she has recovered from her recent severe attack of fever.

BUY WAR BONDS

Mrs. Stokes Haire has returned from Eufaula where she spent the past week visiting relatives.

25 COFFEE VICTORADES EARN TITLE THIS SUMMER

Twenty-five Victorades, equipped with kit of instructions and other "tools" for their trade and cards for the records of those working as their helpers, have earned their titles this Summer in Coffee County.

Each of the Aldes heads a group of from six to eight boys in his home community, making an approximate total of workers of between 150 and 200. These boys have collected scrap rubber and metal, sold defense stamps and bonds, produced foods and feeds and otherwise promoted the victory effort.

During the month of August they sold \$56 worth of stamps and 18 boys have pledged to buy stamps \$15 in value. The scrap collected is sold, either by the individual or group and the money utilized in their activities.

The list of Aldes included: Camp Ground, Clarence Byrd and Wilbur Byrd; Danvers, Junior Johnson, Billy English, Durrell Hudson and Sam Dyes; Bartlesville, Thomas Reynolds, Nelson Grimes, Herbert Parker and Victor Bluff; Bluff Springs, Harold Dyer and Virgil Miles; Jack, Ala., Bryant; Mt. Pleasant, Edward Newsome, Clifford Thornton, Arthur Dyer and John Dyer; Tommy Goodson, Leonas Stinson, Travis Motley, Jeff Martin, Donald Baxley, Clyde McAlister, Carl Barley and Charles Griffin.

Public welfare's wartime job is strengthening the "home front" in morale building, in making selective service investigations, in establishment of day care centers for children of working mothers, and in total community service were stressed in Montgomery last week at the annual conference of state-county public welfare workers, according to Mrs. Grace Elbert, Coffee County Public Welfare Director, who with Miss Carrie Vaughn, department Disarming Officer, has just returned from the sessions.

"As public welfare workers we have a continuing responsibility to the disadvantaged who cannot profit by the upturn in business or secure jobs in war industry," Mrs. Elbert said, "but at the same time we must assume new jobs as workers with selective service boards and community agencies in planning to meet war needs."

In further reporting the meetings, Mrs. Elbert told of talks by Governor Dixon and Dr. Lee Bibb, who stressed the importance of the public welfare workers to the maintenance of morale. Soldiers must know their families are well cared for.

Repeating the content of the meeting to the job to be done in the future, Mrs. Elbert stated that the number on the public assistance rolls in the face of the number receiving aid a year ago, 365 in June, 1942; 345 in June, 1941, emphasizing the continuing need of people in the county and the obligation of the public welfare department to care for these people who are suffering more acutely today because of wartime conditions.

"Those who have been removed from the department's rolls because of their wartime work have been replaced by old people who can no longer get by on what they have, or by families with young children whom the breadwinner has deserted, or by persons who are handicapped," the director declared.

She then cited what the Coffee County Department of Public Welfare is doing in regard to its assignments. A large number of investigations have been made for board of health, and many other relatives. Mrs. Elbert said that Mrs. Elbert, Mrs. Lizzie Farris, Mrs. Pearl Henderson, Mrs. Cullie Hayes, Miss Meek, Miss Annie Dora Meek, and many other relatives. Mrs. Elbert said that Mrs. Elbert, Mrs. Lizzie Farris, Mrs. Pearl Henderson, Mrs. Cullie Hayes, Miss Meek, Miss Annie Dora Meek, and many other relatives.

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Mrs. Ray Moore and two little daughters, of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., spent last week in Elba visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Pearce.

Guest Brunson, student at the University of Alabama, is the last of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Brunson, and family.

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